the Central Department of Tourism during the first three years of the Seventh Plan for development of tourism infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Name of the project | Amount sanctioned | Amount released |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Wayside f cilities with accommodation at Lepakshi | 16·08 | 4.00 |
| 2. Construction of Cafeteria with accommodation at Nagarjunasagar | 23.70 | 5.00 |
| 3. Construction of additional accommodation at Ramappa | 20.81 | 5.00 |
| 4. Construction of six single bed room and six double bed room cottages at Rishikonda | 20.80 | 5.00 |
| 5. Provision of boats at Hussain Sagar, Ramappa and Pakhal Lakes | 5·30 | 4.75 |
| 6. Construction of additional accommodation at Pakhal | 2·33 | 1·00 |
| 7. Master Plan for Golconda | 3·12 | 0.75 |
| 8. Yatri Niwas at Hyderabad | 25·29 | 10.00 |
| 9. S.E.L. Show at Golconda | 49.40 | 20.00 |
| TOTAL : | 166·83 | 55.50 |

These proj cts ar · in various stages of ex cution.

**Construction of New Hotels in Backward Areas**

2635. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any central subsidy for construction of new hotels in specified Backward areas has been given; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such specified backward areas, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the Central Investment Subsidy given to individual hotels set up in backward areas is not maintained centrally. However, under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, 1971, hotels set up in specified backward areas are eligible for the grant of Central Subsidy. The rates of subsidy vary according to the category of the districts/areas as under:—

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|---|---|
| 'A' Category | 25% (Subject to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs) |
| 'B' Category | 15% (subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 lakhs) |
| 'C' Category | 10% (subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakhs) |

(MRTP/FERA companies are not eligible.)

**Attracting Foreign Tourists in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu**

2636. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to

attract foreign tourist to the important tourist cenres in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism undertakes the promotion and development of tourism in the country as a whole, including Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The steps taken into attract more foreign tourists to these States include strengthening of tourism infrastructure; production of publicity material and print media campaigns. The publicity material brought out recently by the Department of Tourism on these two States includes:

1. Andhra Pradesh brochure
2. Hyderabad folder
3. Hyderabad-Nagarjunakonda-Amravati Director
4. Tamil Nadu brochure
5. Madras folder and directory
6. Madras-Mammallapuram-Kancheepuram directory
7. Madurai-Tiruchairapalli-Thanjavur folder
8. Udhayamandalam-Coonor-Kotagiri-Kodia folder
9. Madurai-Tirichirapalli-Thanjavur directory

These States are also publicised through other general and thematic brochures as well as various films and Audio-visuals produced by the Department of Tourism.

**Involvement of Private Sector in the Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh**

2637. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to involve the private sector in building tourist infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) In order to attract the private sector in building tourist infrastructure in the country, the Central Government has been giving certain incentives such as tax holidays under Section 80-I, exemption from MRTP Act, reduced customs duty for project imports, investment by non-resident Indians in equity capital subject to conditions laid down by the Reserve Bank of India, benefits under Section 80-HHC, etc.

These incentives are available to the private sector in Andhra Pradesh also.

**Posting, Promotion and Modifications Applied in Transfers**

2638. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether promotional postings and modifications immediately applied for in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are, as per Transfer Guidelines to precede annual transfers, both inter-region and intra-regional;

(b) if so, whether this provision is being adhered to while ordering/modifying promotional postings;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which vacancies of PGT (English) and (Mathematics) in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan of Baroda have not been made available to the promotees and modification-applicants but to the intra-regional applicants; and

(d) what action the Sangthan has taken against the Officers responsible for them?